



**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
401 CHURCH STREET
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NASHVILLE TN 37243
January 22, 2010**

Mr. Gregg Morgan
Assistant Manager
Northeast Knox Utility District
7214 Washington Pike
Corryton, TN 37721

**Subject: Draft NPDES Permit No. IWT000012
Northeast Knox Utility District
Knox County, Tennessee**

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The Division of Water Pollution Control (division) is in receipt of the permit application dated December 15, 2009 in which your request a permit for the transfer up to 0.745 million gallons of water per day (MGD) from the Holston River Basin into the Upper Tennessee Clinch/Emory River Basin. This activity, at 0.149 MGD of water, was grandfathered because it predated the state's Inter-Basin Transfer legislation (Tennessee Code Annotated 69 Chapter 7 Part 2 Inter-basin Water Transfer). We have completed our review and have determined this application is complete as submitted.

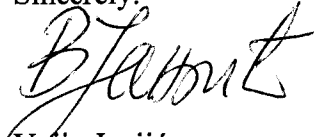
As a result of this determination, we have prepared an approved Public Notice which you will find enclosed. The applicant is responsible for distributing the public notice as follows.

1. Publish the notice of the permit application once a week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in each potentially affected community in the river basin of origin. To document this, please provide us with a copy of the newspaper containing the notice for each of the four weeks.
2. Provide notice of the application to a responsible official within each potentially affected community and water user within the proposed basin of origin by certified mail, return receipt requested. To document the performance of this task, please provide to us a copy of the letter sent to each responsible official with a copy of the return receipt.
3. Post a minimum of three public notices in public buildings, e.g., courthouses, libraries, city halls, in each potentially affected community in the river basin of origin. To document the performance of this task, please provide to us a list where these notices were posted.

Please perform these tasks beginning as close to January 25, 2010, as possible, and provide the documentation to us by February 28, 2010.

If you have questions, please contact the division at the Knoxville Environmental Field Office at 1-888-891-TDEC; or, at this office, please contact Mr. Jim McAdoo at (615) 532-0684 or by E-mail at Jim.McAdoo@tn.gov.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Janjić", written in a cursive style.

Vojin Janjić
Manager, Permit Section

CC: DWPC, Permit Section & Knoxville Environmental Field Office

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LEGAL NOTICE

The following applicant has submitted a complete application for a permit in accordance with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Rule 1200-4-13

Northeast Knox Utility District
7214 Washington Pike
Corryton, TN 37721
Inter-basin Water Transfer, permit number IWT000012
Telephone number: 865-867-5345

The Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control proposes to issue a water quality NPDES permit to the following applicant who discharges to surface waters:

Proposed New Issuance

Applicant name **Northeast Knox Utility District**
Permit number **IWT000012**
Permit Writer **Jim McAdoo**
Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Knox**
EFO Name **Knoxville**
Description of activity **Inter-basin Transfer**
Receiving stream **Upper Tennessee Clinch/Emory River Basin**

The applicant has proposed to the division to pump up to 745,000 of gallons per day of water from the Holston River Basin into the Upper Tennessee Clinch/Emory River Basin.

Anyone wishing to comment on the conditions of the proposed permit should submit written comments to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control, 401 Church Street, L&C Annex, 6th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243. Attention: NPDES Comments. Comments should be received by ***February 28, 2010*** and should include the applicant's name and permit number.

Interested persons may request, in writing, a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the filing party and reasons for the request. If there is significant interest, a hearing will be held pursuant to Division Rule 1200-4-5-.06(12), and the Director will make determinations regarding permit issuance. The application, draft permit, etc., are available for review and/or copying at the above address from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays, except holidays. There is a nominal charge for copying, except single copies of permit applications, draft permits, and supporting rationale. Contact Jim McAdoo at (615) 532-0684 or by e-mail at Jim.McAdoo@state.tn.us or write for more information at:

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